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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Swaziland Bureau -- September 1986

I. GENERAL

A. At the end of the month FBO Washington sent a cable to the Embassy here giving the GSO authority to purchase a house for FBIS' new editorial position at the Bureau, currently [redacted]. The cable authorized the use of FY - 87 FBO funds. The Bureau Chief will get together with the Embassy GSO in early October to negotiate a contract for the house which we found in mid-August.

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B. During September, the local currency, the Emalangeni, in conjunction with the Rand, gained some 16 percent against the dollar. The rate at the end of the month was hovering around 2.22 Emalangeni to the dollar.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Although Bureau wordage continued to decline, several significant events occurred in South Africa toward the end of the month. Most important was the reaction to President Reagan's veto of the sanctions bill, and subsequent Congressional votes to override the veto. The events elicited strong, if predictable, reactions from various sectors within South Africa. On 2 October South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha warned that South Africa would react to the sanctions by refusing to buy U.S. wheat. He followed up his remarks with phone calls to several U.S. Senators in an 11th hour attempt to persuade them not to override the veto.

2. In contrast to the large and emotional reaction to U.S. sanctions, there was very little official comment on the U.S. announcement that Edward Perkins, who is currently ambassador to Liberia, had been nominated as the next U.S. ambassador to South Africa. In remarks reported by SAPA, Foreign Minister Pik Botha said the move was "nothing new" and expressed the hope that South Africa would some day send a black envoy to Washington.

3. There was considerable speculation in South Africa this month on whether general elections would be announced. President P.W. Botha, in a speech to the NP Cape Party Congress, finally stated that there would be no new elections in 1986. President Botha, also at the Cape Party Congress, stepped down as National Party Cape Party leader. Minister Chris Heunis was selected to that post, strengthening Heunis' position as probable successor to P. W. Botha.

4. On 25 September, the Bureau for Information, which controls all official information released under the State of Emergency, announced that "in the interest of accuracy" it was closing its media center in Pretoria as of 1 October, and would only respond to media inquiries in writing after it had all the facts. The Information Bureau did promise to continue issuing daily unrest reports.

B. Lateral Services/Cruising

On 1 October, Johannesburg Television began an early morning news and features show patterned after similar formats in the United States and Great Britain. "Good Morning South Africa" is carried from 0600 - 0800 Monday to Friday, one hour later on Saturday. A week of cruising confirmed that the newscasts in the show carried no unique information, but other segments featured interviews with important figures, including two interviews with Foreign Minister Botha just after the Senate vote to override the sanctions veto. The Bureau plans to add this program as class "C" coverage.

C. Technical

1. The Bureau received four Extel printers and other equipment from Gulf Bureau in September.

2. The Bureau's new IBM XT and related equipment arrived on 30 September from headquarters, allowing Swaziland finally to start down the long yellow Bach road.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Deputy Chief [] departed Bureau PCS on 15 September, and [] assumed Deputy Chief duties on that date.

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2. African languages Monitor [] returned from Headquarters TDY after participating in the Foreign National Orientation Program.

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3. In a Bureau ceremony, teletype supervisor [] and teletypists [] were presented with Certificates of Distinction and cash awards for their sustained superior performance and long hours of service in the past year, during which wordage almost tripled.

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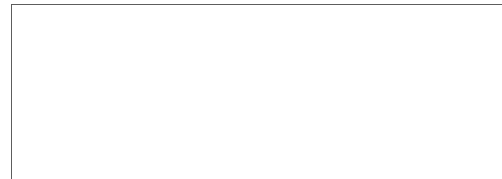
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IV. VISITS

On 29 September, the new Embassy GSO, Gerald Hanish, and Administrative Officer Sandra Smith were given a tour of the Bureau and a briefing on FBIS operations by the Bureau Chief.

V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Bureau staff were very disturbed by the report on 18 September that the Coca Cola Company was ending its operations in South Africa. The thought of doing without Coke caused some long faces until a subsequent announcement that Coke would continue to be produced in South Africa under license to a local franchise.



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Chief, Swaziland Bureau

Swaziland Bureau Production Report for SEPTEMBER 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	432710
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	33490
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1161

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	5715.00	11310.00	139.00
(minutes or issues per week)	min.	min.	issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

ANGOLA

Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese	18790		
Luanda ANGOP in English		0	
Luanda ANGOP in French		0	
Luanda ANGOP in Spanish		0	

BOTSWANA

Gaborone Domestic Service in English	6590		
Gaborone BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS in English			0

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola	0		
(Clandestine) Radio Truth in English to Zimbabwe	0		
(Clandestine) Radio Truth in Ndebele to Zimbabwe	280		
(Clandestine) Voice of Truth in Portuguese to Angola	0		
(Clandestine) KUP in Portuguese to Southern and Central Africa		330	
(Clandestine) KUP in English to Southern and Central Africa		250	

BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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(Clandestine) KUP in
French to Southern, and Central
Africa

1390

LESOTHO

Maseru Domestic Service in
English

2100

Maseru Domestic Service in
seSotho

0

Maseru MOCHOCHONONO in
seSotho

0

Maseru NATION in
English

0

Maseru THE COMET in
English

0

MADAGASCAR

Antananarivo Domestic Service in
French

0

MALAWI

Blantyre Domestic Service in
English

660

Blantyre DAILY TIMES in
English

0

Blantyre MALAWI NEWS in
English

0

MOZAMBIQUE

Maputo Domestic Service in
Portuguese

20330

Maputo in

English to Southern Africa

2950

Maputo NOTICIAS in
Portuguese

0

Maputo TEMPO in
Portuguese

0

Beira DIARIO DE MOZAMBIQUE in
Portuguese

0

NAMIBIA

Windhoek Domestic Service in
Afrikaans

0

Windhoek DIE REPUBLIKEIN in
Afrikaans

0

BRL ID- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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Windhoek DIE SUIDWESTER in Afrikaans		0
Windhoek THE WINDHOEK ADVERTISER in English		0
Windhoek WINDHOEK OBSERVER in English		0

SENEGAL		
Dakar PANA in English	6080	
Dakar PANA in French	880	

SOUTH AFRICA		
Johannesburg International Service in English	9060	
Johannesburg Domestic Service in Afrikaans	660	
Johannesburg Domestic Service in English	22770	
Johannesburg Television in Afrikaans	10910	
Johannesburg Television in English	11190	
Umtata Capital Radio in English	8780	
Johannesburg SAPA in English	190970	
Pretoria DIE TRANSVALER in Afrikaans		0
Cape Town CAPE TIMES in English		0
Durban ILANGA in Zulu		0
Johannesburg BEELD in Afrikaans		320
Johannesburg BUSINESS DAY in English		0
Johannesburg CITY PRESS in English		0
Johannesburg O'SECULO in Portuguese		0
Johannesburg RAPPORT in Afrikaans		0
Johannesburg SOWETAN in English		0
Johannesburg SUNDAY STAR in English		550

BF ID- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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Johannesburg SUNDAY TIMES		
English		0
Johannesburg THE CITIZEN in		
English		240
Johannesburg THE STAR in		
English		2430
Johannesburg WEEKLY MAIL in		
English		7170
RSA Editorial Press Review of		
Afrikaans and		
English Papers		56960

SWAZILAND

Mbabane Domestic Service in		
English	100	
Mbabane Domestic Service in		
siSwati	0	
Mbabane Television in		
English	0	
Mbabane Television in		
siSwati	0	
Mbabane THE SWAZI NEWS in		
English		0
Mbabane THE SWAZI OBSERVER in		
English		320
Mbabane THE TIMES OF SWAZILAND in		
English		170

UNITED KINGDOM

London BBC World Service in		
English	4020	

USSR

Moscow in		
Ndebele to Zimbabwe	0	
Moscow in		
Zulu to Southern Africa	3230	
Moscow in		
Afrikaans to Southern Africa	0	
Moscow in		
English to Southern Africa	2250	

ZAMBIA

Lusaka Domestic Service in		
English	6320	
Lusaka Radio Freedom in		
English	0	

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Lusaka Radio Freedom in Zulu to Southern Africa	0		
Lusaka Voice of Namibia English	0		
Lusaka SUNDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English			0
Lusaka TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English			0
Lusaka ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL in English			0
ZIMBABWE			
Harare Domestic Service in English	33060		
Harare Domestic Service in English	0		
Harare Voice of Namibia in English	0		
Harare THE FINANCIAL GAZETTE in English			0
Harare THE HERALD in English			600
Harare THE SUNDAY MAIL in English			0